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Under the authority of Board Resolution of April 6, 1917, the sum of \$190.49 has been expended during the past year for binding. The total number of bound volumes made up from the accumulated exchanges and loose papers on hand was 135.

It is gratifying to report that members may now find the books and papers of this Society comfortably housed in a large cheerful room, where they are accessible every day in the week, except Sundays, and where every facility will be extended for their use.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. S. RICHARDSON, *Librarian.*

MR. C. S. CUSHING, Chairman of the Auditing and Finance Committee, reported that the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer had been examined and found correct.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. BENFIELD and COSTA, reported that they had examined and found correct the Treasurer's account of disbursements of the first Adolfo Stahl Lecture Fund.

Detailed Report of the Treasurer follows; same was read and approved:

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JAN. 26, 1918. GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<i>Assets.</i>	
Twenty Bonds, estimated value.....	\$19,154.69
Cash as follows:	
Alvord Fund, in Savings Union B. & T. Co.....	400.39
Library Fund, in Security Sav. Bank.....	188.36
Bruce Medal Fund, in Mutual Bank.....	277.31
Life Mem. Fund, in Security Sav. Bank.....	395.53
Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund, Sav. U. Bank.....	36.36
Dolbeer Fund, in Union Trust Co. Bank.....	486.88
General Fund, in Donohoe-Kelly Bank.....	745.41
Total.....	\$21,684.93
<i>Liabilities, none.</i>	

#### CASH STATEMENT BY FUND

<i>William Alvord Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 384.87
Interests.....	490.52
	\$ 875.39
Cr. By transfers to General Fund.....	475.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 400.39
<i>The Montgomery Library Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 63.01
Interests.....	304.30
Adolfo Stahl Fund.....	121.05
	\$ 488.36
Cr. By transfers to General Fund.....	300.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 188.36
<i>The Bruce Medal Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 600.09
Interests.....	167.32
	\$ 777.31
Cr. By Purchase Liberty Bond.....	500.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 277.31
<i>Life Membership Fund.</i>	
Dr. To balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 121.07
15 members at \$50.00.....	750.00
Interests.....	114.46
	\$ 985.53
Cr. By Purchase Liberty Bond.....	\$500.00
Transfers to General Fund.....	90.00
Balance Jan. 26, 1917.....	\$ 395.53

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## *Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund.*

Dr. To	balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 999.95
	Interests.....	36.41

		<u>\$1,036.36</u>
Cr. By	Purchase Liberty Bond.....	1,000.00

	Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 36.36
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## *John Dolbeer Fund.*

Dr. To	balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 467.98
	Interests.....	233.90

		<u>\$ 701.88</u>
Cr. By	Transfers to General Fund.....	215.00

	Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	\$ 486.88
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## *The General Fund.*

Dr. To	balance Jan. 27, 1917.....	\$ 138.42
	Life Memberships and Interests.....	800.00
	Library Fund.....	300.00
	William Alvord Fund.....	475.00
	John Dolbeer Fund.....	215.00
	Adolfo Stahl Fund.....	422.06
	Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund.....	20.00
	Bruce Medal Fund.....	10.00
	Dues from Members.....	1,022.88
	Sale of Publications.....	261.21
	Refunded on Reprints.....	76.25
	Miscellaneous.....	51.40

\$3,792.22

Cr. By	Transfers to Life Membership Fund.....	\$750.00
	Advances to Stahl Fund.....	422.06
	Sunset Publishing House.....	865.13
	Knight-Counihan Printing Co.....	131.55
	Salaries.....	240.00
	Rents.....	172.50
	Binding.....	190.49
	Postages.....	54.61
	Lantern.....	10.00
	Typewriter.....	31.50
	Taxes.....	16.31
	Mercantile Trust Co.....	13.00
	Removal Expenses.....	14.00
	Crocker Safe Deposit Box.....	3.30
	Book Case and Rug.....	22.20
	Insurance.....	3.90
	Advances to Comet, Bruce and Life Funds for Bond pur-	
	chases.....	40.00
	Dues in A. A. S.....	5.00
	Engraving.....	2.56
	Shelving.....	3.25
	Rubber Stamps.....	3.10
	Expressage.....	11.10
	Mrs. Isaac Roberts.....	1.75
	A. H. Markwart on acct. luncheon.....	11.00
	Incidentals.....	28.41

\$3,046.81

	Balance Jan. 26, 1918.....	<u>\$ 745.41</u>
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## SECURITIES HELD BY THE SOCIETY

The values given of these securities represent their original cost to the Society.

### *Life Membership Fund.*

One South Pacific Coast Railroad Company's 1st mortgage, guaranteed 4 per cent Gold Bond, No. 3406. Principal due July, 1937; interest payable in January and July.....	\$1,000.00
One Los Angeles Gas and Electric general mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 712. Principal due July 1, 1934; interest payable January 1st and July 1st..	996.25
One U. S. Second Liberty Loan of 1917 10/25 Year 4 per cent Convertible Gold Bond No. 2525.....	500.00

*Alexander Montgomery Library Fund.*

One Oakland Transit consolidated 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 4328. Principal due July, 1932; interest payable January and July.....	1,040.00
One-half Los Angeles Gas and Electric general mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 714. Principal due January 1, 1934; interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	497.50
One Blue Lakes Water Company 6 per cent 1st mortgage Gold Bond, No. 380. Principal due 1938; interest payable March 15th and September 15th.....	1,001.25
One East Bay Water Company's first mortgage 5½ per cent thirty year Gold Bond, No. 1758. Matures January 1, 1946; interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	1,035.00
(Received in lieu of Contra Costa Water Co. 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 1665, surrendered Jan. 29, 1917.)	

*Bruce Medal Fund.*

One Bay Counties Power Company 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent sinking fund Gold Bond, No. 1636. Principal due September, 1930; interest payable March and September.....	1,012.50
One Edison Electric Company, Los Angeles, 1st and refunding mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 6836. Principal due September, 1922; interest payable in March and September.....	977.22
One-half Los Angeles Gas and Electric general mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 714. Principal due January 1, 1934; interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	497.50
One U. S. Second Liberty Loan convertible 4 per cent Gold Bond of 1917, No. 57060.....	500.00

*John Dolbeer Fund.*

One South Pacific Coast Railway Company's 1st mortgage 4 per cent guaranteed Gold Bond, No. 3407. Principal due July, 1937; interest payable in January and July.....	1,000.00
One Oakland Transit consolidated 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 4329. Principal due July, 1932; interest payable January and July.....	1,040.00
One Bay Counties Power Company 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent sinking fund Gold Bond, No. 1637. Principal due September, 1930; interest payable March and September.....	1,012.50
One Edison Electric Company, Los Angeles, 1st and refunding mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 6837. Principal due September, 1922; interest payable in March and September.....	977.22
One-half Los Angeles Gas and Electric general mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 713. Principal due January 1, 1934; interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	497.50

*William Alvord Fund.*

One-half Los Angeles Gas and Electric general mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 713. Principal due January 1, 1934; interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	497.50
One Blue Lakes Water Company 6 per cent 1st mortgage Gold Bond, No. 381. Principal due 1938; interest payable March 15th and September 15th.....	1,001.25
One Moulton Irrigated Lands Company 6 per cent 1st mortgage Gold Bond, No. 329. Principal due December 15, 1918; interest payable July 15th and January 15th.....	1,000.00
Two East Bay Water Company's 1st mortgage 5½ per cent thirty year Gold Bonds, Nos. 1759 and 1760. Mature January 1, 1946. Interest payable January 1st and July 1st.....	2,071.50
(Received in lieu of C. C. Water Company's 5 per cent Gold Bonds, Nos. 87 and 1,666, surrendered Jan. 29, 1917.)	

*Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund.*

One U. S. Liberty Loan Gold Bond, No. 56,775 3½ per cent of 1917. Matures June 15, 1957. Interest payable June 15 and Dec. 15.....	1,000.00
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Twenty Bonds, original cost..... \$19,154.69

We have examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer and the books of accounts and the vouchers pertaining thereto, and we find the same to be correct.

CHARLES S. CUSHING,  
BERNARD BENFIELD,  
*Auditing Committee.*

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The following general statement of the Secretary was then read:

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The proceedings of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific have been marked by unusual activity during the past year. The Stahl course of lectures, which began in October, 1916, was well received by the public and has fully demonstrated the popular interest felt in the subject of astronomy.

The first course of these lectures, six in number, was given by members of the staff of the Lick Observatory, Director CAMPBELL delivering the first two and Astronomers AITKEN and CURTIS the last four. The series came to an end in April, 1917.

Under date of September 29th, 1917, Mr. ADOLFO STAHL again made a generous contribution to the Society for the continuation of this work and the second course of lectures, beginning with that of November last, is now under way.

The interest excited by these lectures, together with the campaign for new members inaugurated by Dr. W. W. CAMPBELL's Letter Committee, has resulted in an increased membership to the Society during the past year as follows:

Life Members.....	15
Active Members.....	80
Student Members.....	5
Institutional Members.....	5

Total.....105

In the meantime, but six members have been lost to the Society by resignations, deaths and other causes.

The total membership of the Society at present is as follows:

Life Members.....	72
Active Members.....	189
Institutional Members.....	49

Total.....310

Our exchange list contains forty names, and we send our PUBLICATIONS to sixty-eight corresponding institutions. Owing to war conditions our exchanges of all kinds with Germany and the central belligerent countries have necessarily been discontinued.

By authority of the Board Resolution of May 29th, as set forth in the Minutes of that date, an arrangement was entered into with the Sutro Branch of the California State Library whereby the latter has taken over the custody of the library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The transfer of all books and papers was made in June, and the collection as shown by the Librarian's Report, is now very commodiously installed at the corner of Sacramento and Webster streets, this city. The transfer of the library from the room formerly occupied in the Phelan Building made it possible to surrender that room for cheaper quarters and, on July 1st, the Society secured its present quarters in the Lick Building, at 35 Montgomery street, at a rental of \$10.00 per month, which is one-half of the rental formerly paid.

An authorization to expend the sum of \$200.00 for binding the loose papers of the Society was made on May 29th and under this authorization 135 volumes have been bound and expenditures made aggregating \$190.49.

The Society will be glad to learn that the long-pending embarrassments of the Contra Costa Water Company which deprived us for over two years of the interests on the three bonds of said Company, held by this Society, have been finally adjusted. Under the settlement made all the back interest was paid in and we received in lieu of the three 5% Contra Costa Bonds, three 5½% bonds of the Bay Counties Water Company.

The Society has purchased during the year three U. S. Liberty Gold Bonds, amounting in value to \$2000.00. One of these bonds is of the first issue at 3¼% and the other two are of the second issue at 4%. They are credited respectively as follows:

To The Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund.....	\$1000.00
To The Bruce Medal Fund.....	500.00
To The Life Membership Fund.....	500.00

D. S. RICHARDSON,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

January 26, 1918.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was then read:

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 7, '18.

Mr. D. S. RICHARDSON,  
Secretary, Astronomical Society of the Pacific,  
San Francisco, Cal.

The Nominating Committee of the Society presents the following ticket for the next election:

DIRECTORS:		
W. W. CAMPBELL	B. L. HODGHEAD	J. COSTA
H. D. CURTIS	A. O. LEUSCHNER	MRS. ISAAC ROBERTS
CHAS. BURCKHALTER	A. H. MARKWART	A. H. BABCOCK
C. S. CUSHING	D. S. RICHARDSON	

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEE:

R. G. AITKEN	H. D. CURTIS	HARLOW SHAPLEY
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Very respectfully submitted,

R. T. CRAWFORD,  
For the Nominating Committee.

Further nominations being called for, the name of Mr. WILLIAM H. CROCKER was put in nomination for member of the Board of Directors.

The President then appointed Messrs. BENFIELD and TOWNLEY as tellers and a ballot was taken, resulting in the unanimous election of the following persons as the Board of Directors and Publication Committee for the year 1918:

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. W. CAMPBELL	A. H. MARKWART
H. D. CURTIS	D. S. RICHARDSON
CHARLES BURCKHALTER	J. COSTA
C. S. CUSHING	MRS. ISAAC ROBERTS
B. L. HODGHEAD	WM. H. CROCKER
A. O. LEUSCHNER	

FOR PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

R. G. AITKEN      H. D. CURTIS      HARLOW SHAPLEY

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, IN  
ROOM 516 OF THE UNDERWOOD BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIFORNIA, ON JANUARY 26, 1918, AT 9:15 P. M.

Mr. CUSHING occupied the Chair and the Board proceeded at once to organize by the election of the following officers:

For President.....	DR. W. W. CAMPBELL
For First Vice-President.....	MR. B. L. HODGHEAD
For Second Vice-President.....	MRS. ISAAC ROBERTS
For Third Vice-President.....	DR. H. D. CURTIS
For Secretary-Treasurer.....	MR. D. S. RICHARDSON
For Library Committee.....	{ MR. F. V. CORNISH MR. D. S. RICHARDSON

On motion of Director CURTIS, seconded by Directors COSTA and CUSHING, the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer was fixed at \$25.00 per month, effective from February 1st, 1918.

On motion of Director LEUSCHNER, seconded by BURCKHALTER the Library, Committee was empowered to expend, in its discretion, not to exceed \$100.00 per annum in the purchase of new books.

On motion of Director CUSHING, the action of the Finance Committee in purchasing a typewriter for the use of the Society was approved.

A proposition to publish the Stahl Lectures in book form had some consideration. The matter was referred to the Publication Committee for further report.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.